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SUBJECT: GUNS FOR GABONESE PATROL BOAT

REFERENCE: DIGGS-MCKESSON OFFICIAL INFORMAL APRIL 23

1. DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM GABON DATED 28 MAR 74 ADVISED THAT GABON HAS CONTRACTED WITH SWIFTSHIPS INC., MORGAN CITY, LA, FOR ACQUISITION OF PATROL CRAFT TO BE ASSIGNED NAVYOF GABON FOR TRAINING NAVAL PERSONNEL PREPARATORY TO CREATION OF COASTAL DEFENSE FORCE.

2. NOTE ALSO REQUESTED USG AUTHORIZE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) OF FOLLOWING ARMS TO BE USED WITH PATROL CRAFT: TWO 50 CAL. MACHINE GUNS, TWO 20MM CANNONS, TWO 40MM TWIN CANNON 2L 9MM REVOLVERS, AND 2L 9MM AUTO-MATIC RIFLES. NOTE SPECIFIED THAT ARMS WILL NOT BE USED FOR OFFENSIVE PURPOSES, AND DECLARES ARMS AND REQUESTED TRAINING TO BE ESSENTIAL TO ACCOMPLISHMENT OF COAST PATROL MISSION. BASED ON THIS DECLARATION, REQUEST IS CONSIDERED TO MEET LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FMS. REQUEST UNCLASSIFIED

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